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# Mortals and Immortals

## GOLDEN TEXT

### II Corinthians 5:17

Anyone who is joined to Christ is a new being; the old is gone, the new has come.

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## RESPONSIVE READING

### I Peter 1:3–5, 13, 15, 23; II Timothy 1:7 God, 9, 10

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

4 **To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,**

5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

13 **Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;**

15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;

23 **Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.**

7 . . . God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

9 **Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,**

10 But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:

## SECTION 1

### The Bible

#### 1 | Isaiah 42:5, 6, 8

5 Thus saith God the Lord, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein: 6 I the Lord have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles;

8 I am the Lord: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.

2 | [Ephesians 4:7 unto, 13, 17, 18, 22–24](#)

7 unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

17 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, 18 Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:

22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; 23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; 24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

*Science and Health  
with Key to the Scriptures*  
by Mary Baker Eddy

1 | [262:5](#)

Christian Science takes naught from the perfection of God, but it ascribes to Him the entire glory. By putting “off the old man with his deeds,” mortals “put on immortality.”

2 | [81:28](#)

In Science, man's immortality depends upon that of God, good, and follows as a necessary consequence of the immortality of good.

3 | [300:9](#)

So far as the scientific statement as to man is understood, it can be proved and will bring to light the true reflection of God — the real man, or the *new man* (as St. Paul has it).

4 | [267:19–22](#)

When examined in the light of divine Science, mortals present more than is detected upon the surface, since inverted thoughts and erroneous beliefs must be counterfeits of Truth.

Waymarks  
to eternal  
Truth

5 | [265:5](#)

Mortals must gravitate Godward, their affections and aims grow spiritual, — they must near the broader interpretations of being, and gain some proper sense of the infinite, — in order that sin and mortality may be put off.

6 | [430:3–5](#)

Mortal mind must part with error, must put off itself with its deeds, and immortal manhood, the Christ ideal, will appear.

Life  
all-inclusive

## SECTION 2

## The Bible

3 | [I Peter 2:9 ye](#)

9 ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

4 | [Luke 4:14 \(to :\)](#)

14 And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee:

5 | [Luke 5:1, 4–6, 8, 10 And Jesus](#)

1 And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by the lake of Gennesaret,

4 Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught.

5 And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net.

6 And when they had this done, they enclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake.

8 When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord.

10 And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men.

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7 | [325:7](#)

Jesus gave the true idea of being, which results in infinite blessings to mortals.

8 | [589:16](#)

Jesus. The highest human corporeal concept of the divine idea, rebuking and destroying error and bringing to light man's immortality.

9 | [482:20–23](#)

He was inseparable from Christ, the Messiah, — the divine idea of God outside the flesh. This enabled Jesus to demonstrate his control over matter.

10 | [286:3–6](#)

We must not seek the immutable and immortal through the finite, mutable, and mortal, and so depend upon belief instead of demonstration, for this is fatal to a knowledge of Science.

11 | [370:2–5](#)

To be immortal, we must forsake the mortal sense of things, turn from the lie of false belief to Truth, and gather the facts of being from the divine Mind.

12 | [323:28–2](#)

The effects of Christian Science are not so much seen as felt. It is the “still, small voice” of Truth uttering itself. We are either turning away from this utterance, or we are listening to it and going up higher. Willingness to become as a little child and to leave the old for the new, renders thought receptive of the advanced idea.

Childlike  
receptivity

13 | [485:14–17](#)

Emerge gently from matter into Spirit. Think not to thwart the spiritual ultimate of all things, but come naturally into Spirit through better health and morals and as the result of spiritual growth.

Scientific  
translations

## SECTION 3

### The Bible

6 | [Psalms 98:1](#)

1 O sing unto the Lord a new song; for he hath done marvellous things: his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory.

7 | [Matthew 14:22–33](#)

22 And straightway Jesus constrained his disciples to get into a ship, and to go before him unto the other side, while he sent the multitudes away. 23 And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone.

24 But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary.

25 And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea. 26 And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear. 27 But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.

28 And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water. 29 And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. 30 But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. 31 And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt? 32 And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased. 33 Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.

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14 | [410:29–30](#)

Christian scientific practice begins with Christ's keynote of harmony, "Be not afraid!"

15 | [392:7–8](#)

Casting out evil and fear enables truth to outweigh error.

16 | [298:13–20](#)

Spiritual sense, contradicting the material senses, involves intuition, hope, faith, understanding, fruition, reality. Material sense expresses the belief that mind is in matter. This human belief, alternating between a sense of pleasure and pain, hope and fear, life and death, never reaches beyond the boundary of the mortal or the unreal. When the real is attained, which is announced by Science, joy is no longer a trembler, nor is hope a cheat.

17 | [452:10–11](#)

When outgrowing the old, you should not fear to put on the new.

18 | [324:7–12](#)

Unless the harmony and  
immortality of man are  
becoming more apparent, we are not gaining the true idea of God; and the body will reflect what governs it, whether it be Truth or error, understanding or belief, Spirit or matter. Therefore "acquaint now thyself with Him, and be at peace."

Narrow  
pathway

19 | [254:27](#)

If you launch your bark  
upon the ever-agitated but  
healthful waters of truth, you will encounter storms. Your good will be evil spoken of. This is the cross. Take it up and bear it, for through it you win and wear the crown. Pilgrim on earth, thy home is heaven; stranger, thou art the guest of God.

The cross  
and crown

## SECTION 4

### The Bible

8 | [Matthew 16:13–18](#)

13 When Jesus came into the coasts of Cæsarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? 14 And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.

15 He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? 16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. 17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. 18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and

the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

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20 | [136:32–1](#)

Jesus patiently persisted in teaching and demonstrating the truth of being.

21 | [137:8–11, 16–21, 26–9](#)

Yearning to be understood, the Master repeated, “But whom say ye that I am?” This renewed inquiry meant: Who or what is it that is able to do the work, so mysterious to the popular mind?

With his usual impetuosity, A divine response  
Simon replied for his brethren, and his reply set forth a great fact: “Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God!” That is: The Messiah is what thou hast declared, — Christ, the spirit of God, of Truth, Life, and Love, which heals mentally.

Before this the impetuous The true and living rock  
disciple had been called only by his common names, Simon Bar-jona, or son of Jona; but now the Master gave him a spiritual name in these words: “And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter; and upon this rock [the meaning of the Greek word *petros*, or *stone*] I will build my church; and the gates of hell [*hades*, the *under-world*, or the *grave*] shall not prevail against it.” In other words, Jesus purposed founding his society, not on the personal Peter as a mortal, but on the God-power which lay behind Peter’s confession of the true Messiah.

It was now evident to Peter Sublime summary  
that divine Life, Truth, and Love, and not a human personality, was the healer of the sick and a rock, a firm foundation in the realm of harmony.

22 | [295:19](#)

The mortal mind through Goodness transparent  
which Truth appears most vividly is that one which has lost much materiality — much error — in order to become a better transparency for Truth. Then, like a cloud melting into thin vapor, it no longer hides the sun.

23 | [72:9–13 As](#)

As light destroys darkness and in the place of darkness all is light, so (in absolute Science) Soul, or God, is the only truth-giver to man. Truth destroys mortality, and brings to light immortality.

## SECTION 5

### The Bible

9 | [Matthew 14:14](#)

14 And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick.

10 | [Matthew 17:14–21 there](#)

14 there came to him a certain man, kneeling down to him, and saying, 15 Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is lunatic, and sore vexed: for oftentimes he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water.

16 And I brought him to thy disciples, and they could not cure him. 17 Then Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him hither to me. 18 And Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour. 19 Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out? 20 And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place;

and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you. <sup>21</sup> Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.

### Science and Health

#### 24 | [12:10](#)

It is neither Science nor Truth which acts through blind belief, nor is it the human understanding of the divine healing Principle as manifested in Jesus, whose humble prayers were deep and conscientious protests of Truth, — of man's likeness to God and of man's unity with Truth and Love.

#### 25 | [189:15](#)

We call the body material; Ascending  
the scale  
but it is as truly mortal mind,  
according to its degree, as is the material brain which is supposed to furnish the evidence of all mortal thought or things. The human mortal mind, by an inevitable perversion, makes all things start from the lowest instead of from the highest mortal thought. The reverse is the case with all the formations of the immortal divine Mind. They proceed from the divine source; and so, in tracing them, we constantly ascend in infinite being.

#### 26 | [261:2–4, 21–24](#)

Look away from the body Thoughts  
are things  
into Truth and Love, the  
Principle of all happiness, harmony, and immortality.  
Detach sense from the Immutable  
identity  
of man  
body, or matter, which is only  
a form of human belief, and  
you may learn the meaning of God, or good, and the nature of the immutable and immortal.

## SECTION 6

### The Bible

#### 11 | [Romans 6:4 like, 13 yield yourselves](#)

<sup>4</sup> like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

<sup>13</sup> yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.

#### 12 | [Acts 9:36–41](#)

<sup>36</sup> Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas: this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did. <sup>37</sup> And it came to pass in those days, that she was sick, and died: whom when they had washed, they laid her in an upper chamber.

<sup>38</sup> And forasmuch as Lydda was nigh to Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent unto him two men, desiring him that he would not delay to come to them. <sup>39</sup> Then Peter arose and went with them. When he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber: and all the widows stood by him weeping, and shewing the coats and garments which Dorcas made, while she was with them. <sup>40</sup> But Peter put them all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed; and turning him to the body said, Tabitha, arise. And she opened her eyes: and when she saw Peter, she sat up. <sup>41</sup> And he gave her his hand, and lifted her up, and when he had called the saints and widows, presented her alive.

#### 13 | [I Timothy 1:17 \(to 1<sup>st</sup> .\)](#)

<sup>17</sup> Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever.

*Science and Health*27 | [289:14](#)

The fact that the Christ, or Truth, overcame and still overcomes death proves the “king of terrors” to be but a mortal belief, or error, which Truth destroys with the spiritual evidences of Life; and this shows that what appears to the senses to be death is but a mortal illusion, for to the real man and the real universe there is no death-process.

Death but  
an illusion

28 | [311:28](#)

Matter, sin, and mortality lose all supposed consciousness or claim to life or existence, as mortals lay off a false sense of life, substance, and intelligence. But the spiritual, eternal man is not touched by these phases of mortality.

29 | [247:15](#)

Immortal men and women are models of spiritual sense, drawn by perfect Mind and reflecting those higher conceptions of loveliness which transcend all material sense.

30 | [406:20–25](#) *We*

We can, and ultimately shall, so rise as to avail ourselves in every direction of the supremacy of Truth over error, Life over death, and good over evil, and this growth will go on until we arrive at the fulness of God's idea, and no more fear that we shall be sick and die.

Resist to  
the end

31 | [288:27–28](#)

Science reveals the glorious possibilities of immortal man, forever unlimited by the mortal senses.

32 | [81:17–18](#)

Man in the likeness of God as revealed in Science cannot help being immortal.

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